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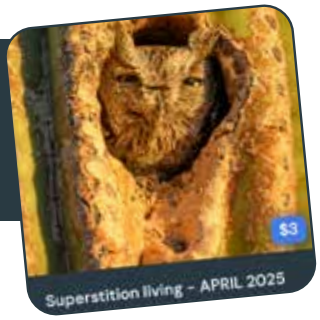

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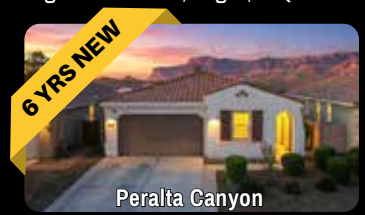

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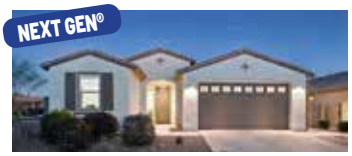

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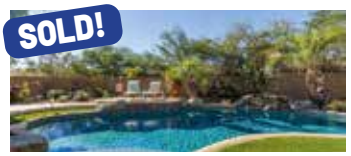

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LOCALEVENTS

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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Saturday April 4th, from 10am to 6pm Spring Celebration of Art | Tour the artsy dome home of Joanne West Photography. Shop for jewelry, pottery, copper art and more from visiting artists exhibiting in the courtyards. Meet Sheldon the 200lb tortoise, enjoy snacks, beverages, and music for a day of fun. *10482 E La Palma Ave, Gold Canyon, AZ 85118*

NATURAL RESTORATIONS

VOLUNTEER EVENTS

Join us at any of our clean up events! Please visit **www.naturalrestorations.org** for more info and to sign up.

- **Monday, April 6, |** Day After Easter Lower Salt River Cleanup
- **Wednesday, April 22 |** 11th annual Earth Day Lower Salt River Cleanup

Our mission is to keep natural areas clean and open for everyone to enjoy. We accomplish our mission by hosting volunteer cleanup and replanting events throughout the year for community members, including youth volunteers, and we manage & support a Dedicated Restoration Team with contracted Military Veterans who conduct restorations beyond the reach of most volunteers, including trash removal, graffiti removal and replanting cacti, trees & plants. Natural Restorations is an Arizona-based 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization.

April 11th, 9am-11am Annual Earth Day Celebration and Ladybug Release at Flatiron Park Hosted by AJ Parks&Rec | Bring the whole family to Flatiron Community Park (100 N. Apache Trail) on Saturday, April 11th! The event is packed with activities for the whole family such as arts & crafts, face painters, seed planting, garden education, and of course,

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Events Continue at Boyce Thompson Arboretum, Check the complete event pages on their website at www.btarboretum.org/event or contact the Visitor's Center at 520-689-2723. You may also Email: info@btarboretum.org.

Exciting Activities year round at the Superstition Mountain Museum, Call 480 983-4888 or visit www.superstitionmountainmuseum.org for schedule of classes and events.

Visit Lost Dutchman State Park, Check the website www.azstateparks.com/lost-dutchman/ for a schedule of events and activities. Call 480-982-4485

the releasing of thousands of ladybugs. Ruggiero's Ace Hardware provides the ladybugs to release in the park. Feel free to release your ladybugs at Flatiron Park or take them home to release! The whole community is invited to help release the ladybugs beginning at 9:00am! All of the activities are free for ages to attend!

For more information on this program or other programs and services, please contact the Multi-Generational Center at 480-474-5240 or visit our website at apachejunctionaz.gov.

Thursday, May 7th, from 6-8pm — Paints & Pints! AJ Parks and Rec is teaming up with Cat Wagon Tap and Bottle for Paints & Pints! Each month will have a different theme for its painting, so no two months are the same! Paints & Pints will begin at 6pm, and it should take about two hours to finish. Registration is $40 and open to anyone 16 years or older. Registration covers all painting supplies and a free drink (pint, wine, soda)! Paints & Pints will be held at Cat Wagon Tap and Bottle, located at 2430 W. Apache Trail #4 in Apache Junction. *Space is limited, so make sure to register online at https://www.apachejunctionaz.gov/111/Parks-Recreation* — ***Next event is 6/4/26!***

APRIL EVENTS AT AJ PUBLIC LIBRARY

1177 N Idaho Rd, Apache Junction, http://www.ajpl.org/

Tuesday, April 7th from 4-6 PM. | The Mobile Library is Coming to Gold Canyon! Visit AJPL's Mobile Library vehicle at Dinosaur Park in Gold Canyon (5639 S Alameda Rd, Gold Canyon, AZ 85118) every 1st Tuesday of the month from 4-6 PM! While visiting the Mobile Library you can get or renew a library card, check out materials, return materials, access FREE Wi-Fi from the Mobile Library while onsite, & much more!

AZ@Work Job Search Help — Now with more days and times! | AZ@Work will be at the library to support patrons with their job search. From resumes to applications to cover letters. • Monday, April 6, 13, 27, 11 a.m. – 2 p.m. • Tuesday, April 7, 14, 21, 28, 9 a.m.-noon. • Thursday, April 2, 9, 16, 23, 30, 9 a.m.-noon.

Wednesday, April 1, 3-5 p.m. | Cricut Drop-In Stop by to learn about the Library's Cricut machine, talk about your ideas, or get help with any issues. Drop in anytime between 3-5 on the first Wednesday of every month.

Monday, April 6, 20, 4 - 6 p.m. - Maker Mondays | Adults are welcome to join us for fun, simple crafts. Relax your mind and free your creativity to begin the week. All supplies provided; no registration required.

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Greetings to All ADOBE Members and Friends

"Your blood test results are fine, but you need to drink more water."

Have you ever heard this statement? I certainly have, many times. Although I believe I drink an adequate amount of water, it appears that medical professionals often recognize a need for increased hydration, sometimes significantly more.

ADOBE, the *Association for the Development of a Better Environment*, is committed to fostering an environment that supports both healthy bodies and healthy minds for all residents. With that in mind, we offer the following points for your consideration:

According to credible data, extreme heat is the leading weather-related cause of death in the United States. It is also widely believed that heat-related deaths are underreported, as heat may be a contributing factor without being identified as the primary cause. Alarmingly, this trend has increased significantly over the past decade. For example, Arizona recorded 61 heat-related deaths in 2014; by 2023, that number had risen dramatically to 645.

With temperatures already exceeding 100 degrees in mid-March 2026, early indicators suggest this year may bring an extended and intense heat season. In light of this, ADOBE encourages all residents to take proactive measures to remain properly hydrated, thereby supporting a healthier personal environment for everyone in the community.

Determining the appropriate amount of daily water intake depends on several factors. As a general guideline, the human body is composed of approximately 60% water, making regular replenishment essential. The brain and heart consist of about 73% water, the lungs 83%, muscles and kidneys 75–80%, skin 60–65%, and even bones contain approximately 30% water. These figures highlight the vital role hydration plays in overall health.

Individual hydration needs vary based on factors such as age, gender, body composition, activity level, and environmental conditions. General Arizona health guidance recommends consuming at least 64 ounces of water per day while indoors; however, this should be considered a baseline. When outdoors, especially in extreme heat, it is advisable to drink approximately 8 ounces every 15–20 minutes, or about 32 ounces per hour. Another commonly cited guideline is to drink roughly 1 ounce of water per pound of body weight, with additional intake for heat exposure and physical activity.

Additional recommendations include drinking water regularly rather than waiting until you feel thirsty, consuming smaller amounts more frequently, and considering electrolyte supplementation when appropriate. However, hydration needs can vary widely, and this information should not be interpreted as definitive medical advice. It is always important to consult your personal physician to determine what is best for your individual health.

In summary, most of us would likely benefit from increasing our daily water intake.

ADOBE is currently in campaign mode for 2026 membership. You may receive correspondence by mail regarding this effort. Your continued support is sincerely appreciated. We remain committed to hosting meetings that are both informative and engaging, and we welcome your suggestions for potential guest speakers. Please feel free to share your ideas by contacting us at **adobegoldcanyon@gmail.com**.

We wish you a safe, healthy, and enjoyable summer, and remember to hydrate.

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Wednesday, April 8, 4 p.m. - Seed Up Meet Up | Help us fill our seed packets for the seed library, hear from Superstition Master Gardeners, ask questions about your home garden, & learn about Earth Heart Park and Community Garden! *Topic: Growing Melons and Pumpkins!*

Thursday, April 9, 10 – 11 a.m. - Suicide Prevention Basics | Given the rising need for mental health supports among youth and adults, we believe awareness can make a critical difference-not only by equipping families and communities to look out for themselves and each other, but also by empowering people to recognize risk and intervene early with their loved ones and acquaintances.

Join us for a half-hour presentation outlining potential risk factors, warning signals for someone contemplating suicide, facts and resources, and how you can help.

Thursday, April 9, 5-7 p.m. - Family Game Night | Bring the whole family to participate in fun "Minute to Win It" games! For Prizes!

Monday, April 13, 27, 4:30 – 7:30 p.m. - Chess Club | Puzzles, Lessons, and Open Play for all ages and skill levels, with a member of US Team Chess League!

Monday, April 13, 5 - 7 p.m. - Natural Products For PMS | Join us to make natural products to help with PMS and menstrual symptoms. Teens & adults welcome.

Tuesday, April 14, 5 p.m. - Canva For Beginners | Canva is an app and website that can be used to create all kinds of graphics, flyers, presentations and more. Learn the basics of this resource and what you can make with it in this introductory class.

Wednesday, April 15, 10 a.m. – 12 p.m. - Week Of The Young Child | Fun Van invites you to JOIN THE FUN! Outside at the Complex Park next to the Library.

Let's recognize the importance of high-quality early childhood education and celebrate the professionals who make it possible!

Work Together Wednesday! Visit with Police, Fire, Parks & Rec, and other community partners, games in the grass and family fun!

Wednesday, April 15, 3:00 p.m. - Biblio Bites Demo – *Hot Cross Buns* | Savor the spice of the Spring season! Join us for a live demo to craft traditional Hot Cross Buns, where fragrant dough and symbolic crosses transform into a sweet, citrusy delight. **No booking required!** Watch the bake, learn the history behind these festive treats, and enjoy a warm bun, ready to eat from the oven!

Thursday, April 16, 5 - 7 p.m. - Make A Memory: Gifts For Parents | Celebrate upcoming holidays like Mother's Day and Father's Day by making a fun keepsake! We will use the Studio and Makerspace to create silhouette profile pictures of your children, perfect to keep or give. We will also have more opportunities to

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Thursday, April 16, 6:30 p.m. - Books & Brews | Join us at the Handlebar Pub & Grill in Apache Junction. Bring a book that fits the monthly genre or any you've enjoyed lately. Delight in discussion and libations on the pub's patio, plus 10% off your bill! **Genre: Mystery**

Friday, April 17, 10 a.m. - Breathe Again: Learning to Live After Loss | Are you grieving a loss? Would you like a safe place to discuss your grief? A chance to meet new people and be with others who understand? Join us for a monthly bereavement group hosted by Barbara King, R.N., Executive Director of Supportive Hands Hospice. Free and open to adults.

Saturday, April 18, 10 a.m. - Healing Circle | What is a Healing Circle? A group of people who join together to learn tools to activate their healing capabilities. Our body, mind, and Spirit are designed to heal. We learn how to tap into that healing ability that is already within us. We will learn and practice tools to turn on our internal healing processes. We will shift our energy, awareness, and alignment to bring our body into balance and harmony.

Monday, April 20, 6 p.m. - Book Crafts | Yes we are using old, old books to craft with! Create a vase, make tags and cards and other decor. For Teens (13+) and Adults

Tuesday, April 21, 1:30-2:30 p.m. - Dying For A Mystery Book Club– A New Lease On Death *by Olivia Blacke*

Saturday, April 25,10 a.m. - Financial Workshop For Single Women | Join us for a financial workshop designed for single women, hosted by Sarah van Akkeren, a Dave Ramsey Preferred Coach. The workshop aims to equip single women with the knowledge, tools, and confidence to manage their finances effectively. Participants will gain insights into the significance of financial well-being and the principles of financial peace, and also receive an overview of Dave Ramsey's 7 Baby Steps towards Financial Freedom.

Tuesday, April 28, 1:30-2:30 p.m. - Classic Book Club– Middlesex *by Jeffrey Eugenides*

Wednesday, April 29,5-7 p.m. - Grad Cap Decorating | Calling all 2026 Graduates! We want to help you make a core memory with your graduation cap! College and High School! Bring your cap and use our supplies to design and create something that represents you.

Thursday, April 30, 5:30 p.m. - Dungeons & Dragons | Players new and experienced can come play this fun 1 shot game!

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The City of Apache Junction Parks and Recreation Department would like to invite the community to participate in their annual Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, April 4th, 2026, at Prospector Park! Come help find over 15,000 prize-filled eggs!

This egg hunt is open to all kids up to 17 years of age, and is free to the public. The hunts are divided up into separate age groups: 2 & under, 3&4, 5&6, 7-9, 10-12, and 13-17. Special prizes will be given to those who find a token in the egg during the hunt. Don't forget to bring your Easter baskets to carry all of your goodies! There will be other activities and games sponsored by local non-profit organizations available during and after the egg hunt. Bring your camera so that you can capture your very own picture with the Easter Bunny!

The first egg hunt will begin at 9:00am for children 2 and under. The remaining hunts will begin immediately after the first hunt in order of age. Please be sure to come early and allow for plenty of time to park and access the fields before the egg hunts! Additional parking and shuttle services will be available at the Apache Junction Rodeo Grounds.

The hunts and activities will take place on the softball fields at Prospector Park, located at 3015 N. Idaho Rd. Any local non-profit organization that would like to sponsor a booth at the Easter Egg Hunt should contact Jared Grimm at jgrimm@apachejunctionaz.gov.

Are you interested in volunteering at this event? If so, please contact Jared Grimm at jgrimm@apachejunctionaz.gov.

For more information on this program or other programs and services, please contact the Parks and Recreation Department at 480-983-2181 or visit our website at www.apachejunctionaz.gov/parks.

March was a very productive month for Gold Canyon Garden Club. The Plant and Garage Sale held in MountainBrook Village gave financial support to our Butterfly Garden. We appreciate and thank those who found us in the maze of garage sales.

The Flower Show March 21 & 22 Boyce Thompson Arboretum was a great success and showed beautiful floral designs by Desert Designers and the many cacti, succulents and flowering plants grown in the gardens of our Garden Club in Central Arizona.

Gold Canyon Garden Club had a great field trip to the Superstition Mountain Museum grounds where one of our members, Tricia Schaeffer leads volunteers Monday mornings at 8:30 AM in maintaining the plants around the Museum. Plants have labels and are nurtured through the seasons. Currently the volunteers come Mondays at 8:30 AM but the desert heat will change the start time. You may check with the Museum or leave a message on our website for questions about changes in their start time. Our email address is goldcanyongarden@gmail,com.

The Butterfly Garden at 5639 S. Alameda RD, Gold Canyon is flourishing in flowers. Please enjoy a stroll through the Garden during daylight hours. Carol Hesson, a potter in Gold Canyon has created garden art that enhances the beauty. Club members meet at the Butterfly Garden at 8:30 Saturday mornings to check out the growth and health of our plants.

We have 2 more meeting in the 2025-2026 year. Our Monday, April 7th meeting will feature Beth Kirkpatrick. Beth is a Past President and Lifetime Honorary member of the Cactus& Succulent Society of Central Arizona. She will talk on how to choose and maintain cacti in your Arizona landscape. Tips on hw to keep them healthy during our increasingly hot summer will be very beneficial.

Our meetings are at the Gold Canyon United Methodist Church Mission Center at 8330 E. Sunrise Sky Dr, just off King's Ranch Road. We gather at 9:30 AM and our program starts at 10 AM. Annual dues are $30.00 and the meetings are held September through May. We welcome new members.

Have a wonderful Spring!

THE SHADOWS KNOW...

By Marcia Nelson

As the daytime shadows fade
and the Sun's daily job is done,
the Moon turns up it's glow
and Night Shadows have some fun!

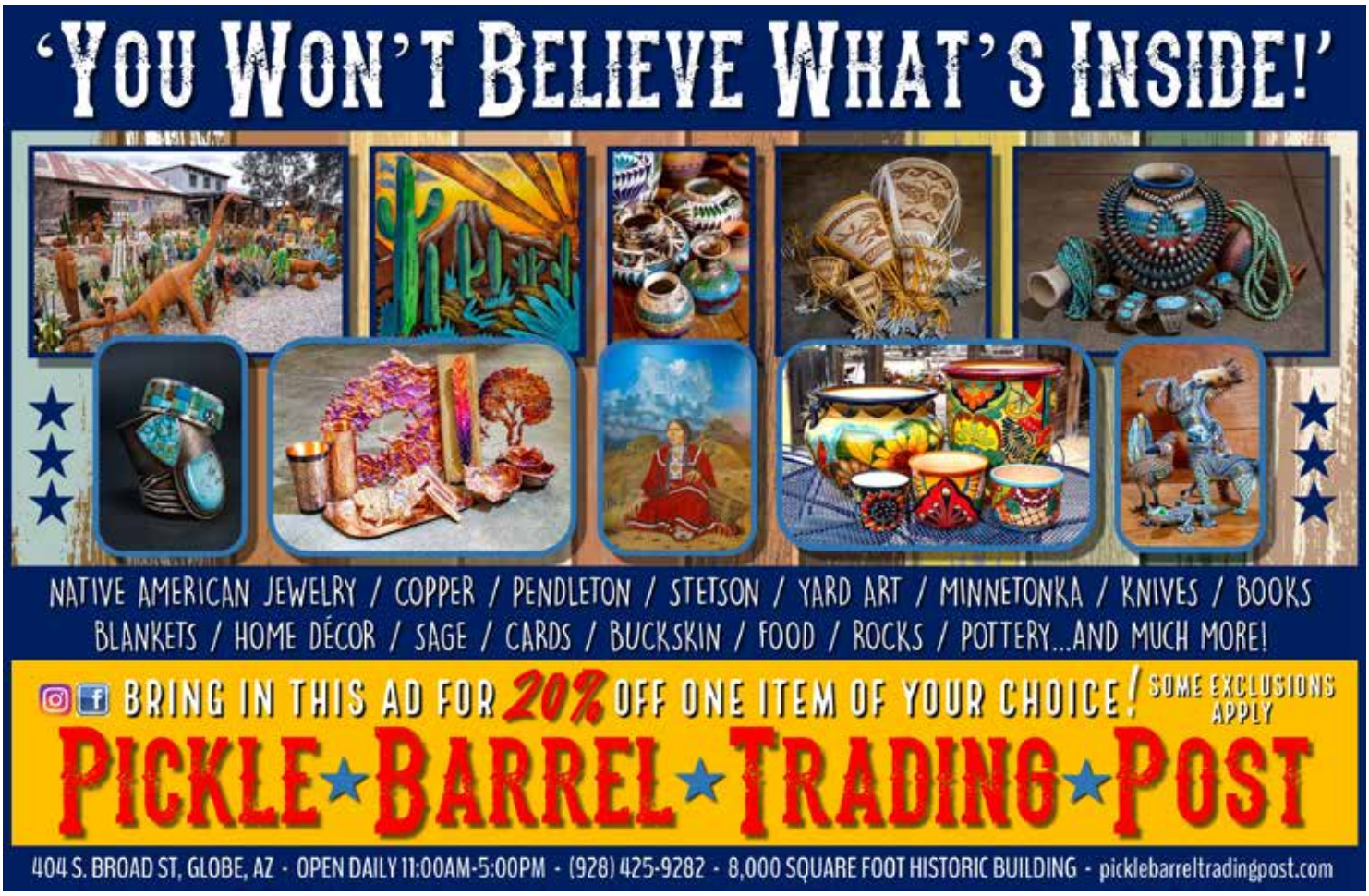
No colors can be seen,
shapes all in black and white.
As my imagination soars,
they may even be cause for fright!

Tree limbs seem to be reaching
for an illusive nighttime foe.
Can it really be a monster?
Oh, I really don't think so!

But still the forms keep moving
with every step I take,
following, changing, hiding.
Surely they must be fake.

"Olly, Olly Oxen Free!"
Is my only attack.
But just as fast, the streetlight
pulls the curtain back.

Now I can see that culprit
for the prankster that he plays.
His only weapon is the Moon
and this shadowy nighttime haze!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Early in June of 2023, I knew I was headed for trouble because of the heat. It was had become increasingly difficult for me to work outside without risking heat stroke. I decided that the only way I was going to get my outdoor work done was to mimic the desert animals who are active in the early hours of the day and late evening. I bought lights, long sleeved wicking shirts, tons of electrolytes, and cases and cases of bottled water.

Up by 4:30am, I was watering plants or working in the green houses with lights. I set my phone alarm every 30 minutes to remind me to drink water. By 7am, I was done and pooped out. It is important to note that the Smiling Dog crew, as did all others in the construction trades in Arizona, continued to work. My hat is off to them.

Unlike the animals, who could pull another shift in the evening twilight, it was still too hot for me. I spent those hours inside, at my computer or curled up with a good book. It was a very long summer.

Every spring I put shade cloth on the plants I knew would sunburn in the coming summer. That year, as the summer progressed, I had to cover new species as I saw them start to burn. By September practically the whole nursery was covered, even the saguaros.

It was literally the summer from hell.

Smiling Dog Crew Summer from Hell 2023

Below is what 2026 has presented us up to mid-March.

- **Warmest Winter:** The winter of 2025-2026 was the hottest in Phoenix history.
- **Warmest February:** February 2026 officially became the warmest February ever recorded in Phoenix.
- **March Records:** Multiple daily records were broken in early March 2026. On March 2, Phoenix hit 93 degrees, breaking a 2016 record.
- **Record Lows:** On March 2, 2026, the lowest temperature was 64 degrees, breaking the previous 100-year-old record for the highest minimum temperature in 1926.

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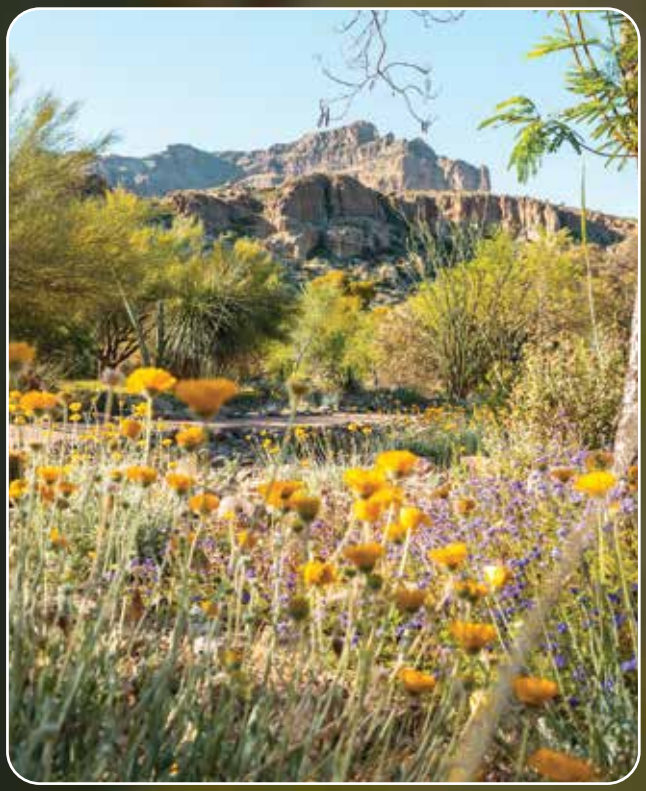

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FOUR STAGES OF RAISING CONFIDENT, MONEY-SMART KIDS

Good financial habits are a little like brushing your teeth. When you learn them early, they become second nature, and you carry them with you for life. And while money can feel complicated, especially today, the foundation starts simply.

Parents can begin the conversation with very young children, and young adults can build on those basics as they take on more responsibility. Step by step, these habits create confidence that helps build longterm financial security and a more fulfilling life.

The following are the four key stages of financial growth.

Stage 1: For very young children, the goal is to make money feel simple and manageable. A great place to start is with three jars labeled "Spend," "Save" and "Share." When kids can actually see their money grow or shrink, the idea starts to make sense. Saving also introduces them to goalsetting, and working toward paying for a small toy or outing teaches patience. Most important, you're helping your children see money as a tool they can understand easily and use with confidence.

Stage 2: If you have tweens (children roughly 9 to 12 years old), they're usually ready for slightly bigger financial ideas. This is a great time for them to earn money through chores or small jobs, helping them see the connection between effort and reward and building a sense of ownership. Conversations about needs versus wants also become more meaningful, because kids are now making real choices with money they earned themselves. Your tween may be ready for a simple savings account to watch their savings grow, or a reloadable cash card for spending.

Stage 3: By the time teens reach high school or young adulthood, budgeting becomes essential. This doesn't need to be overly strict or complicated. A simple system that helps them track deposits and withdrawals can make all the difference. Whether they use an app, a paper notebook or a spreadsheet, the real goal is awareness. Teenagers also benefit from learning how credit works. Understanding how to build a healthy credit score and how to use credit wisely protects them from costly mistakes in later life.

Stage 4: Then come the early working years, when habits shift from learning to building. One of the smartest steps at this stage is paying yourself first. Automatic transfers to savings or retirement accounts help establish stability without extra effort. Even small retirement contributions matter more than most people realize, because time allows compounding to do the heavy lifting. This is also when young adults can start organizing their money into different buckets for rent, automobile payments, emergencies, retirement and everyday spending. These habits help lay the groundwork for financial freedom down the road.

Throughout every stage, the theme is confidence. Each small success creates a sense of control and each good habit makes the next one easier. Over time, these habits turn into a lifetime of financial security and fulfillment. When you start strong and stay consistent, money becomes a tool that helps your children support the lives they want.

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By: Pam Burks

The Gold Stallion voted 2024-2025, "Best Gold Canyon Restaurant' and have expanded their menu with new specials and Entrees. Check out the new "Affordable Stallion Picks," eight items for only $12.95, burgers, foot long hot dogs, pizza, salad and more, all served with a choice of one side, "Create Your Own Pasta," served with a house salad & garlic bread, also for only $12.95.

Now there is no need to leave Gold Canyon when your taste buds are craving Italian food, The Stallion is now serving specialties like: Chicken Marsala, Chicken Piccata, Cheese Tortellini in ALLA Vodka Sauce, and Shrimp Scampi. WOW right here in your own back yard!

Owners Phil & Kim French, have many years of experience managing restaurants, and they are always looking for better ways to build their menu that regulars and newcomers will enjoy, and have them coming back for more. Phil and Kim, along with their amazing staff, take great pride in the quality and portions of the food they serve.

This hardworking couple are seen almost every day at their business greeting, seating and serving their customers. Kim is also skilled in the kitchen, working with the staff and serving your meal with a smile. So why not make "The Gold Stallion" your "go to" place for great food, entertainment and fun! See you all there! Did I say mention, there is entertainment almost every night of the week., NFL games, live music, Trivia and more. What are you waiting for? Let's meet at the Gold Stallion" for great food, fun, and entertainment!

Check out their full menu at www.goldstallionaz.com, reservations recommended.

APRIL 4TH PLANT GIVEAWAY

By Jerry Stevenson, President, GCCI

In the spirit of promoting water conservation, Gold Canyon Community Inc. (GCCI) has partnered with Arizona Water Company and Smiling Dog Cacti & Succulent Nursery to host a plant **"give and grow"** event. We'll give you a desert-friendly plant and Master Gardeners will be on hand sharing their expertise on how to grow it.

Come on down to the **Mission Center** (corner of Kings Ranch Rd and Sunrise Sky Drive) on **April 4 between 8 and 11am**. Bring your ID and a recent AWC water bill (paper or electronic). We have a selection of plants for you to choose from…one plant per family Local gardening experts will be happy to answer any questions you have on plant care in our desert environment. Yes, we can have beautiful desert landscapes and conserve water at the same time. It's all in knowing how.

And while we're in the spirit of giving, consider bringing with you a non-perishable food donation to support the Gold Canyon Methodist Church food bank. It's totally optional but would be much appreciated.

Keep up with all our community activities by visiting www.gccincaz.org and following us on social media.

This event is limited to Arizona Water Company residential customers. Due to limited quantities, we cannot guarantee plant availability for all participants.

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LIVE WELL – MOVING TOGETHER

In April the mornings remain cool and the golden light stretches a little longer each day. Yet we can already feel the season shifting. The warmth of summer is quietly making its way across the desert, reminding us that this is the time of year when many of us start considering how we want to feel in the months ahead; stronger, more energized, and perhaps a little more balanced.

It is also a good reminder that while wellness begins as a personal decision, it rarely thrives without support. That intention often begins with motivation. We decide it is time to move more, try something new, or return to habits that once made us feel good. But motivation, as important as it is, rarely carries us very far on its own. Most people quickly discover that the hardest part of building a healthy routine is not starting, it is continuing. Life gets busy, energy fluctuates, and the initial spark of enthusiasm can fade faster than expected.

What often makes the difference isn't willpower it is is the people around us.

When people surround themselves with others who share similar goals, healthy habits become easier to maintain. Encouragement appears in simple ways, a familiar face in the room, a quick conversation before class, or the quiet accountability that comes from knowing someone might notice if you don't show up. These small moments matter. They remind us that taking care of ourselves is easier when we are not doing it alone.

Group movement has a way of changing the entire experience of exercise. Instead of relying solely on individual discipline, one becomes part of something shared. You move through the same stretches, the same strengthening exercises, and the same moments when a movement turns out to be harder than it looked.

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Somewhere in that shared effort, the experience becomes more enjoyable.

It is no longer just about completing a workout it is about participating alongside others who are working toward feeling better in their bodies and their lives. Research consistently supports this idea. People are significantly more likely to maintain a wellness routine when they feel connected to a supportive group. Community provides both encouragement and accountability, two elements that are difficult to create alone. On the days when motivation feels strong, that community adds energy. On the days when motivation is harder to find, it provides the nudge many people need to keep going.

Structure plays an important role as well. Guided classes remove many of the common barriers people face when trying to build a routine independently. Instead of wondering what exercises to do or whether they are doing them correctly, one can simply show up and follow the flow of the session. The emphasis transitions from prioritizing performance to ensuring consistency. Over time, the benefits extend beyond physical fitness.

In a world where many interactions that happen through screens and schedules rarely slow down, gathering in person carries real value. Conversations before and after class turn into friendships. People celebrate each other's progress and offer encouragement during the inevitable ups and downs of life.

The space becomes more than a place to exercise. It becomes a place to reconnect, with movement, with health, and with other people. And that sense of connection often turns out to be the most powerful motivator of all. Because living well is not simply about individual effort or perfect discipline. It is about building habits that fit into real life and surrounding ourselves with people who make those habits easier to sustain.

When movement becomes something we share rather than something we struggle through alone, the experience changes. We show up more consistently. We enjoy the process more. And we are reminded that taking care of ourselves doesn't have to be a solitary pursuit.

In many ways, wellness works the same way life does; we are simply stronger when we support one another. We move farther, grow stronger, and live better when we do it together. Because when we support one another along the way, we give each other the strength to truly live our best lives.

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International Dark Sky Week April 13-20

By: Isabelle Petersen - Conservation Chair, GCCI

This is a perfect month to enjoy Gold Canyon's cherished tradition as a dark sky community. April is Global Astronomy Month, and the third week, during the New Moon when the night sky is darkest, is International Dark Sky Week.

Our low level of light pollution gives us a marvelous opportunity to navigate the night sky. There are several free and inexpensive apps to help us do that, a few of which I've listed below. Why not gather the family, point your phones to the sky, and take a stroll around the solar system? It's fun. It's educational. And it's amazing what you can see out there in the great beyond. Not just the stars, but asteroids, comets, satellites, entire galaxies, and nebulae. Wonderment wherever you look!

Check out these apps for planning your night out with the stars: Sky Map; Sky Tonight; Sky Live: Heavens Above Viewer; Sky Portal; Night Sky; Sky Guide; and Stellarium Mobile Star Map. You can discover a billion stars, zoom in on planets and satellites, plan your observations by the weather, identify constellations (including an AZ favorite, Scorpius!), and much more.

Or perhaps you are interested in becoming a citizen-scientist? Globe at Night is an international citizen-science campaign to raise public awareness of the impact of light pollution by inviting the public to submit their night-sky observations. Check it out at globeatnight.org. It's easy, educational, and helps scientists collect valuable data to monitor changes in night-sky brightness.

Maintaining our dark sky is an ongoing Gold Canyon Community Inc (GCCI) initiative. It isn't just about protecting human, animal, and plant health. It's also about keeping us in touch with the wonderment of the universe.

SPRING CELEBRATION OF ART

Saturday April 4th, 10am to 6pm | Visit the Gold Canyon "Dome Home" and Joanne West Photography Studio—10482 E La Palma Ave, Gold Canyon, AZ 85118

Presented By: Joanne West, talented artist friends and a Tortoise named "Sheldon"

By: Pam Burks

Tour the artsy dome home of Joanne West Photography. The unique energy efficient home and property has been featured as a top stop on other home studio tours such as "ART For Land's Sake" and "Artists of the Superstitions" annual home studio tour.

In addition to her photography studio, several artists in other mediums will be showing their creations. You can shop for jewelry, pottery, copper art, stained glass, original paintings and more. Over 7 visiting artists will be set up in the courtyards and home.

Meet Sheldon the 200lb tortoise who has become somewhat of a celebrity with old and young alike. Snacks and beverages will be available and maybe even live music making this a fun spring day for all. And, this is a free event, and 85% handicapped accessible

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Remodel With Purpose Before You List

Many homeowners assume that a major remodel is the fastest way to increase their sale price. In reality, not every renovation produces a meaningful return. The goal before listing is not to create a dream home, it is to create a market-ready home. Purpose driven updates attract stronger buyers, shorten time on market, and protect your negotiating power. Strategic preparation almost always outperforms emotional renovation.

Focus on Buyer Expectations First

Buyers respond to homes that feel clean, functional, and well maintained. They are evaluating condition as much as style. Fresh neutral paint, updated lighting, clean flooring, and repaired fixtures often make a greater impact than luxury upgrades. When remodeling before listing, think about broad appeal rather than personal taste. The more neutral and move-in ready the property feels, the larger your potential buyer pool becomes.

Avoid Over-Improving for the Area

Every property sits within a price range influenced by comparable sales. Installing high-end finishes in a mid-range neighborhood does not always increase resale value proportionally. Before committing to large renovations, evaluate what buyers in your area expect at your price point. Smart improvements should align with the local market, not exceed it unnecessarily.

Prioritize Kitchens and Bathrooms Strategically

Kitchens and bathrooms influence buyer perception more than most rooms. However, full-scale renovations are not always required. Updating cabinet hardware, refinishing surfaces, replacing outdated fixtures, and improving lighting can modernize the space without excessive cost. Functional and visually clean spaces create confidence for buyers.

Think in Terms of Return on Investment

Before starting any project, ask whether the update will increase buyer interest or reduce time on market. Some improvements add value, while others simply reflect personal preference. Repairs that address maintenance concerns often deliver stronger returns than cosmetic trends.

Remodeling with purpose means improving what matters most to buyers and the market. Thoughtful preparation positions your home to stand out and sell efficiently. Thinking about listing your home and wondering which updates make sense? Connect today to create a strategic plan that maximizes your selling potential.

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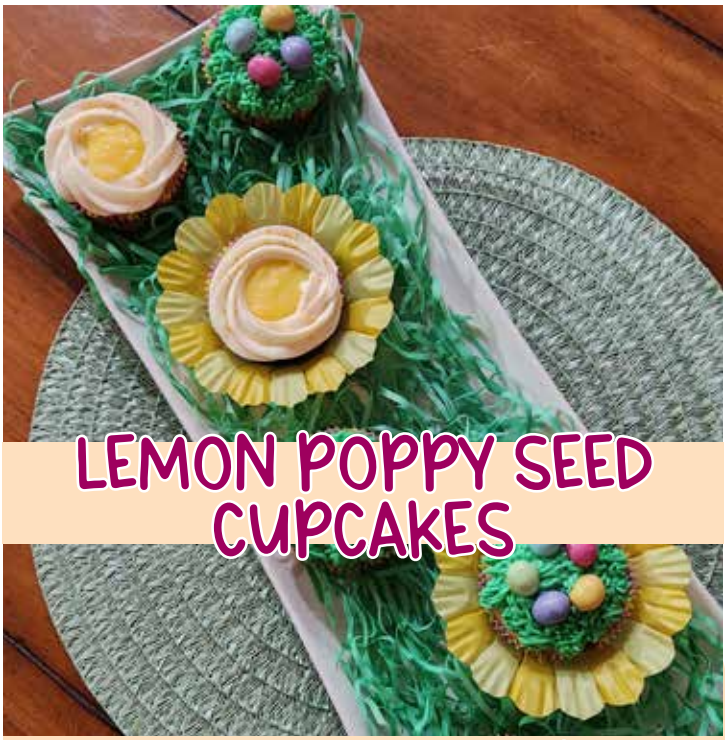

LEMON POPPY SEED CUPCAKES

These lemon cupcakes are filled with Lemon Curd and topped with Cream Cheese Frosting!

Ingredients:

CAKE:

- 1 ¼ cups all-purpose flour
- 1 tsp baking powder
- ¼ tsp baking soda
- ¼ tsp salt
- ¼ c unsalted butter, at room temp
- ¼ cup vegetable oil
- ¾ cup granulated sugar
- 2 large eggs, at room temp
- ¼ cup milk, at room temp
- ¼ cup lemon juice
- 2 Tbsp lemon zest
- 2 ½ tsp poppy seeds

LEMON CURD:

- 6 Tbsp unsalted butter, at room temp
- 2/3 cup granulated sugar
- 4 large eggs
- ½ cup lemon juice
- 6 Tbsp lemon zest
- ¼ tsp salt

CREAM CHEESE FROSTING:

- 1 c. cream cheese, at room temp
- ½ c unsalted butter, at room temp
- 4 c powdered sugar, sifted
- 1 ½ tsp vanilla extract

To make the cupcakes, preheat oven to 350 degrees and line 12 cupcake tins with cupcake liners. In a large bowl, sift together the flour, baking powder, baking soda and salt. Set aside

In the bowl of an electric mixer, beat the butter on medium speed for about 1 minute. Add the oil and mix until incorporated. Next, add the granulated sugar and beat for another 1-2 minutes, until creamy and fluffy. Scrape the sides of the bowl as necessary. Add the eggs, one at a time, mixing each egg until combined before adding the next. Add the milk and lemon juice, and mix to combine. Stir in the lemon zest and poppy seeds. Lastly, add the dry ingredients and fold in with a rubber spatula until incorporated.

Divide the batter evenly among the cupcake liners, filling them about 2/3 of the way. Bake for about 15-18 minutes. Check at 15 minutes. Gently press cupcake with your finger on top of the cupcakes, and if they spring right back, they are done baking.

To make the Lemon Curd, in a bowl, beat the butter with an electric mixer for 1 minute. Add the granulated sugar and beat for another minute, until creamy. Add the eggs, one at a time, and mix, making sure the first egg is incorporated before adding the next. Add the lemon juice, zest and salt and mix on low speed until combined. The mixture might look separated and that's okay. Pour it into a small saucepan and place it over medium-low heat. Make sure you do not let the curd come to a boil at any point, and don't stop stirring at any point either, because that will lead to the eggs curdling, and the curd will taste like scrambled eggs!

Heat the curd slowly until a candy thermometer reads 170 degrees. If you don't have a thermometer, the curd should be thick and coat the back of a spoon. Once you have a nice thick curd, remove it to a bowl and place it in the fridge for at least 2 hours. The curd will set and get very thick as it cools.

For the Cream Cheese Frosting, Place cream cheese and butter in the bowl of an electric mixer. Cream on medium-high speed for 4 minutes, until very fluffy and light in color, scraping the bowl once or twice during the process. Next, add the sifted powdered sugar to the bowl with the cream cheese and butter. Mix on low speed until combined. Increase the speed to medium-high and beat for 1 more minute. Add the vanilla and mix to combine.

To assemble the cupcakes, remove the center of each cupcake using a sharp knife. Next, pipe or spoon some Lemon Curd into the middle of each cupcake. Place the Cream Cheese Frosting in a piping bag fitted with the piping tip of choice and pipe frosting around the lemon curd.

The cupcakes can be stored in the refrigerator, covered, for up to 4 days.

Recipe courtesy of Camila Hurst in her cookbook "Fantastic Filled Cupcakes".

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A RETURN TO TRUST AND HONEST COMMUNICATION

This is the third in my series of articles on *"Children of the Chakras: A Return to Self-Love."* Today we'll consider the fourth (Heart) and fifth (Throat) chakras.

Have you ever felt betrayed by someone you trusted? Do you find yourself in relationships where you feel guarded and won't let others get too close to you? We've *all* been there, but staying stuck in feelings of distrust or grief from disappointments can lead to blocked energy that can result in chronic physical problems with the lungs and heart.

The fourth chakra is the Heart chakra. The spiritual truth associated with it is, "I am **love** and I am **loved**." With an open and balanced heart chakra, we feel compassion for ourselves and for others. The heart is the portal to the Divine, and when the energy is flowing freely we experience peace, joy, and love.

The location of the heart chakra, as you would guess, is the center of the chest. Corresponding body parts are the heart, lungs, breast, and circulatory system. Associated physical conditions could include heart disease and lung conditions such as chronic bronchitis.

With a closed fourth chakra, we often feel that we must work to earn love from others. That can come from old thought patterns that tell us that we need to constantly strive to earn God's love. We may distrust others because of previous experiences and put up walls in relationships.

Another contributor to a closed fourth chakra is unresolved grief, possibly over the loss of a loved one that we haven't allowed ourselves to mourn. Also, the death of expectations we have about life or other people causes us to grieve for what might have been.

SELF CARE

The color that supports our 4th chakra is green. Wearing green reminds us to love and honor ourselves. Essential oils that support us are rose, sandalwood, and gardenia.

One way to recapture the innocence that we associate with having an open heart chakra is to observe or play with children or pets. We don't worry about what their motivations are for playing with us. They're simply open to the joy of having fun. Another way to recall that childlike joy and love may be to look at childhood pictures.

Try these positive affirmations: "I love and trust myself and others. I continue to evolve into Divine love. I allow myself to grieve losses or unfulfilled expectations I have experienced."

THE FIFTH CHAKRA

The fifth chakra is called the Throat chakra. The spiritual truth associated with it is, "I speak my truth freely."

Corresponding body parts include the thyroid, the parathyroid, the mouth, teeth, ears, trachea, esophagus, neck, and jaw. Possible associated physical conditions can include thyroid or parathyroid conditions, dental problems, a raspy voice, or neck and jaw pain. Hashimoto's thyroiditis, a common autoimmune condition, can also be associated with a closed fifth chakra.

Negative thoughts and feelings related to the throat chakra can often have origins in childhood. We may have been told to "hush, be quiet." Our parents or other adults may have responded to our vocal expressions as, "that's silly" or "that's stupid." We come to feel that what we say is not valued or supported.

An adult with a closed fifth chakra may exhibit passive-aggressive behavior. They may be the type who agrees with you to your face and then goes behind your back and tells others something totally different.

When we have an open or balanced fifth chakra and the energy is flowing freely, we find it easy to say what we believe. We're comfortable with self-expression because our words come from our authentic selves. They're aligned with our true thoughts and feelings and they carry power in the world.

SELF CARE

The color that supports us to balance our 5th chakra is **sky blue**. Wearing this color reminds us to honor ourselves by speaking our truth. Supportive essential oils are peppermint, chamomile, and sage.

Singing is one of the best ways to activate and open the throat chakra. You've probably heard the expression, "Dance like no one is watching." It's time for you to "sing like no one is listening!" Put on some of your favorite music and belt it out!

Practice speaking out loud words from your heart. If you're not ready to speak publicly, use your mirror exercise to express those thoughts and ideas you've been wanting to say. Honor yourself with your voice. Use "I AM" statements like, "I AM speaking my truth with freedom and confidence."

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Apache Junction Unified School District invites local businesses to partner with the Prospectors and gain year-round visibility in the heart of the community.

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CALL TO ARTISTS FOR THE 26TH ANNUAL GC ARTS FESTIVAL

Saturday, January 23, 2027

The Gold Canyon Arts Festival is a 1-day event held on the 4th Saturday of January each year. Many of our participating artists call our Festival the best 1-day show in the state based on turnout and sales. The sponsor of the event is the Gold Canyon Arts Council in co-operation with the Artists of the Superstitions. This year's Festival will again be held on the grounds of the United Methodist Church at 6640 S. King's Ranch Rd. in Gold Canyon, AZ 85118.

This venue offers good parking and drive-by visibility. Typically, 80 – 85 artists are accepted to show their work. Previous year's attendance was about 4,000 during the festival hours of 9 AM to 3 PM. Reserved artist spaces are 10 ft. X 10 ft. (tents are encouraged but not required). Your cost is a $35.00 non-refundable Application fee and if selected by the jury, a $150.00 Artist fee, plus the contribution of a piece of your art to support the Gold Canyon Arts Council's Arts Education programs.

Artist Hospitality volunteers are available to help you find your assigned space and "tent sit" during the day to allow you to take breaks. Restrooms are available inside the church. The festival also features food vendors and musical performances throughout the day.

All artists will be juried into the show. Your submitted work will be juried in one of the following categories: • Painting/ Drawing • Glass art • Photographic art • Wood art • Clay art • Jewelry • Metalwork art • Natural products (e.g., gourds, seeds) • Other

You may submit up to two categories but you may sell your work only in the categories approved by the jury. No brokered/factory produced or imported items are allowed.

Applications will be accepted beginning April 4, 2026 and the deadline is: November 2, 2026. Notification of acceptance will be on or about November 21, 2026. Applications are through the ZAPP website https://www.zapplication.org/event-info.php?ID=14514

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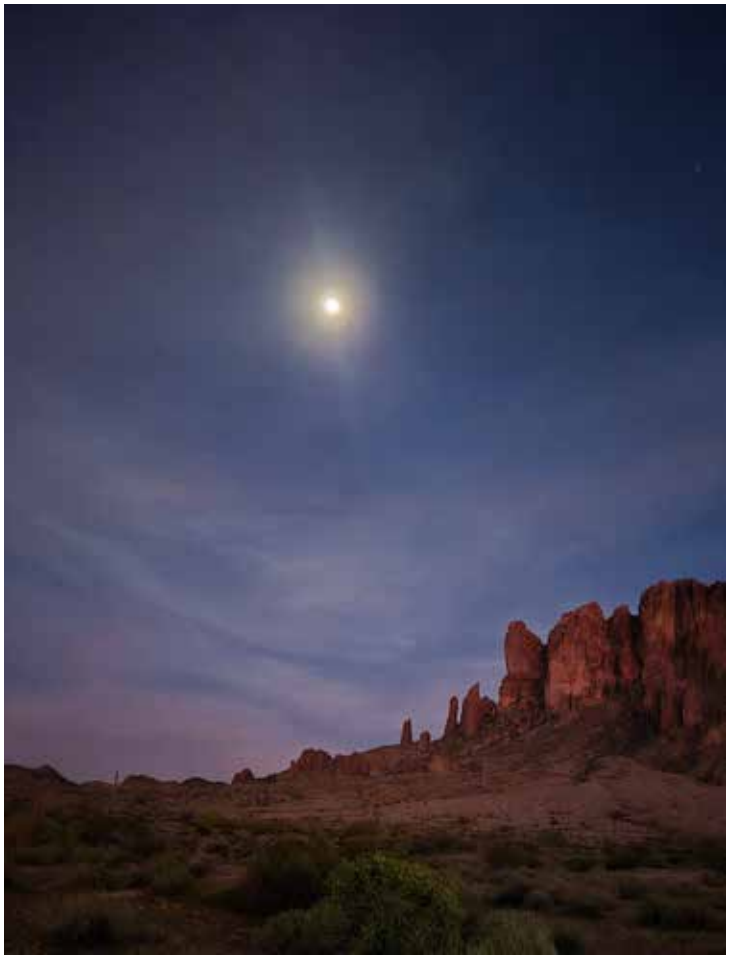

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